

Appl. No. 10/731,545
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, the Applicant submits this Reply. In view of the following remarks and attached terminal disclaimer, reconsideration is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,966.

For expediency, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate any nonstatutory double patenting rejection between this application and the issued patent, to which this application claims priority. By submitting this Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant does not admit to the propriety of any nonstatutory double patenting rejection. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District* 946 F.2d 870, 20 USPQ2d 1392 (Fed.Cir. 1991).

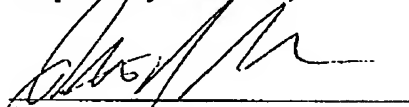
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

Respectfully submitted,



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